

# Map Skills

## Vocabulary

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### 5 Themes of Geography

1. Region—an area with common features that set it apart from other areas.
2. Human/Environment Interaction—the relationship between people and the land on which they live.
3. Place—a description of what an area is like based on various features (natural or build by people).
4. Location—the exact measurement of where something can be found. Latitude and Longitude numbers can identify the exact location.
5. Movement—the movement of people, goods, and ideas around the world as well as the pattern of movement and how it affects people and communities.

### Globes

1. Ocean—Earth's largest bodies of water (Atlantic, Arctic, Indian, and Pacific).
2. Continents—Large bodies of land on Earth (Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, and South America).
3. Hemisphere—Half a sphere (hemi means half). Earth has four hemispheres (Northern, Southern, Western, Eastern Hemispheres).
4. Equator—an imaginary line that lies halfway between the North Pole and South Pole.

### Maps

1. Cardinal Directions—North, South, East, West
2. Compass Rose—Small drawing on most maps to help you find directions.
3. Intermediate Directions—These are the in-between directions found on a compass rose (Northwest, northeast, southwest, and southeast).
4. Symbol—is something that stands for something else.
5. Map Key—gives the meaning of each symbol used on a map.
6. Scale—shows the relationship between distances shown on a map and the real distances.
7. Locator—is a small map set onto the main map. It shows where the area of the main map is located.

### Kinds of Maps

1. Political Map—shows information such as cities, capitals, states, and countries.
2. Physical Map—maps that show the natural features of Earth.
3. Landform Map—Type of physical map that shows landforms (mountains, hills, plains).
4. Road Map—Also called a transportation map. Shows you how you can travel from one place to another.
5. Historical Map—map that shows information about past events and where they occurred.